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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

*Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents  
Registration Act of 1938, as Amended*

For Six Month Period Ending JUL 19 1980  
(Insert date)

Name of Registrant Registration No. 1648  
SONTHEIMER AND COMPANY, INC., also d/b/a St. Maarten's Tourist Information  
Office, also d/b/a Ghana Tourist Office  
Business Address of Registrant  
445 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

I - REGISTRANT

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Item 1.

Not applicable.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date Assumed</i>
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5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

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6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date terminated</i>
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7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date connection began</i>
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## II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

*Name of foreign principal*  
Mexican National Tourist Council  
Ghana Tourist Board

*Date of Termination*  
February 1, 1980  
March 31, 1980

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9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>1</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

*Name and address of foreign principal*

*Date acquired*

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10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals<sup>1</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Netherlands Antilles Government  
Government of the Island Territory, the Windward Islands

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## III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the United States for the purpose of promoting tourism in the Islands of St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean for the purpose of promoting tourism in Ghana.

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the North-east area of the United States for the purpose of promoting tourism in Mexico.

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## SEE SCHEDULE II

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<sup>1</sup>The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).

A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>2</sup> as defined below?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>2</sup> The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

# IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>3</sup>

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
During reporting period	Netherlands Antilles Government	Contract	\$76,600.11
	Mexican National Tourist Council	Contract Reimbursement	4,000.00 8,887.91

Total \$89,488.02

## 14. (b) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>4</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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<sup>3</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e).

<sup>4</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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SEE SCHEDULE I

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Total

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>5</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>5</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V - POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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<sup>5</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda?  
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following: **Not applicable**

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams  
articles  
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other ☐ Lectures or  
publications speeches  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups: **Not applicable**

☐ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries  
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions  
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups  
☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in this political propaganda: **Not applicable**

☐ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act?

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

## VI - EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

### 25. EXHIBITS A AND B

- (a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>6</sup> Yes ☐ No ☐

Exhibit B<sup>7</sup> Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (a) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>6</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form OBD-67 (Formerly DJ-306) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>7</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form OBD-65 (Formerly DJ-304) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.



26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C<sup>8</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6-month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements, been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and 7 of the supplemental statement?

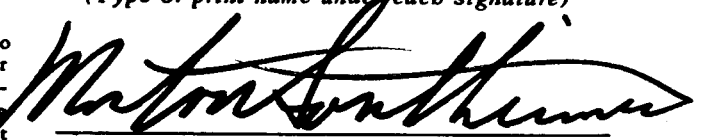

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) his (their) personal knowledge.

(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)


(Type or print name under each signature)

  
Morton Senteimer  
  
Richard Hazlett

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York, New York

this 17th day of August, 19 80

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 6736508  
Qualified in Suffolk County  
Term Expires March 20, 1982

  
(Signature of Notary Public)  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
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<sup>8</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

# SONTHEIMER AND COMPANY, INC.

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MORTON SONTHEIMER  
PRESIDENT

TELEPHONE (212) 688-8350

## EXPENDITURES FOR NETHERLAND ANTILLES

January 20, 1980-july 19, 1980

### Travel Fare & expenses

Feb/80	Antor	\$ 40.00
March/80-may/80	R.M. Glover	309.19
April/80-June/80	M. Sontheimer	272.78
June/80	E. Rhodes	40.00
	R. Grode'	49.00
July/80	Marys Boone(rest.)	43.15

### Photography

Feb/80-July/80	Wagner International Photos	281.05
Feb/80	Jack Ward Color Service	18.95

### Communications

Jan/80-July/80	New York Telephone	593.80
Feb/80-July/80	United Parcel	394.75
Feb/80-June/80	I.T.T. Cables	85.97
Jan/80-July/80	Postage	5396.68
Feb/80-July/80	Associated Messenger	71.15

### Office Expense & Subscriptions

Jan/80-July/80	Xerox Copies	647.59
Mar/80-June/80	Petty Cash	25.88
March/80	International Sales Management	116.31

### Outside Services

April/80	Travel Agent	318.00
	Essence	1062.07
Feb/80-July/80	Burrelles Press Clippings	836.00

TOTAL

\$10602.32

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## EXPENDITURES FOR MEXICO NATIONAL TOURIST COUNCIL

January 20, 1980-July 19, 1980

### Office expenditures & supplies

Jan/80-Mar/80	Postage	\$111.69
Jan/80	Xerox Copies	5.85
March/80	I.T.T. Cables	82.15
Jan/80	Petty Cash	27.15

### Outside Services

Feb/80-March/80	Burrelles Press Clipping Service	<u>228.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$455.69

January 19, 1980 - July 19, 1980

On behalf of the Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands

Registrant supplied editorial and photographic materials to newspapers, magazines and travel industry publications including: CHICAGO METRO NEWS, MARINE RECREATION NEWS, ESSENCE MAGAZINE, GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, TRAVEL WEEKLY, NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, MADEMOISELLE MAGAZINE, GLAMOUR MAGAZINE, BALTIMORE SUN, ST. PAUL MINNESOTA PIONEER PRESS, NEW YORK NEWS, SOUTH BEND (IND) TRIBUNE, SKIN DIVER MAGAZINE, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, SPORT DIVER MAGAZINE, MODERN BRIDE, TRAVELORE REPORT, BROWARD LIFE MAGAZINE, GO BOATING MAGAZINE, NEW YORK TIMES, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, TRAVEL TRADE, SAIL MAGAZINE, YACHTING MAGAZINE, OTTAWA CITIZEN, NEW YORK POST, NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT, HARTFORD COURANT, HAMILTON SPECTATOR, ASTA TRAVEL NEWS, NEW HAVEN REGISTER and ARIZONA REPUBLIC.

Registrant arranged for trips to the islands for newspaper people, editors and photographers and arranged for articles in newspapers and magazines including ST. LOUIS MAGAZINE, TORONTO SUN, BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE, WICHITA FALLS TIMES AND RECORD NEWS and CONNECTICUT RADIO NETWORK.

Registrant issued press releases concerning archeology, yacht racing, expansion of inter-island airways, new hotel association officers and Carnival.

Registrant supplied promotional material and travel statistics to travel agencies, incentive groups, airlines and cruise lines.

WINAIR EXPANDS SERVICE

FROM ST. MAARTEN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ST. MAARTEN, N.A.--Windward Islands Airways N.V., the St. Maarten-based Netherlands Antillean commuter airline, will begin daily service between St. Maarten and St. Thomas May 20. Flying time between the two islands will be about 50 minutes.

Windwards Islands Airways (WINAIR) currently provides daily service from St. Maarten to Saba, St. Eustatius, Anguilla, St. Barths, St. Kitts and Nevis on De Havilland Twin Otter aircraft.

Aero Virgin Islands has been appointed reservations and ground agent for St. Thomas. Reservations for WINAIR from the U.S. can be made through Eastern, American or ALM Antillean Airlines.

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# ST. MAARTEN SABA & ST. EUSTATIUS NETHERLANDS ANTILLES WINDWARD ISLANDS

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## CARNIVAL IN ST. MAARTEN

APRIL 17 - APRIL 30

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN--The half-Dutch, half-French island of St. Maarten will celebrate its tenth annual Carnival April 17-30.

The two-week-long festivities include a beauty contest, steel orchestra competitions, jump-up and several parades.

A specially-constructed Carnival Village will be erected in Philipsburg, the tiny Dutch capital. Colorful booths offering West Indian foods, games and Carnival souvenirs will line the perimeter of the village. A giant stage in the center will be constructed for the various contests and shows.

Participants from neighboring islands are expected to join in the calypso and band competitions held several nights during Carnival. The culmination of all events will be the main parade commemorating the birthday of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands on April 30.

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# ST. MARTEN

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### ST. MARTEN'S TRADITIONAL FISHING

#### VILLAGE IS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

SIMSON BAY, St. Maarten -- The fishing village of Simson Bay is seldom visited by St. Maarten's tourists although it is adjacent to the runway of Juliana International Airport. The village, home to several hundred Dutch citizens on this half-Dutch, half-French island, is accustomed to being off the beaten track.

The first settlement, built about 1800, straddled a narrow sandbank between the Caribbean and the two-and-a-half square mile Simson Bay Lagoon. During the hurricane of 1819 the sea tore through the sandbank destroying all but three houses and cutting off the land connection to the Dutch side for more than a century.

Among the very few visitors to Simson Bay during its 100-odd years of isolation were the Catholic clergy. Priests from the Dutch capital of Philipsburg traveled by horseback and boat to reach the village. If a priest stayed overnight, he would hang his hammock outside the church. Frequently his sleep would be interrupted by bleating goats and grunting hogs.

A bridge connecting Simson Bay with the rest of Dutch St. Maarten was constructed in 1933. Ten years later, when the airport opened, all traffic from the airport to Philipsburg flowed through Simson Bay. In the early 70's the land was widened with fill from the lagoon and the village is now bypassed by the new airport road.

It's not difficult to find Simson Bay Village although the main road misses it. A sharp left turn on the dirt road going toward the airport after crossing the draw-bridge will put you on the edge of town.

The oldest houses are of typical West Indian architecture with wooden shingles and red or green tin roofs. Glassless windows are flanked by colorful shutters in shades of yellow, orange, pink, blue and green. Many of the houses have walled gardens and plant-laden porches. Often the one story homes are obscured from view behind a profusion of oleander, hibiscus, giant sea grape and bougainvillea.

Simson Bay village is delightfully uncommercial. The largest building is the long, low Regina School. There's a grocery, and a house that carries a sign, "Secretarial relief service." The present Catholic church, Mary Star of the Sea, has welcomed visitors such as Jacqueline Onassis. There's also a small Methodist church down the street.

St. Maarten's smallest gourmet restaurant, Le Pavillon, is in an old house on Simson Bay beach. Freshly caught lobster, grouper and snapper are specialties. Tropical breezes and rolling waves provide dinner music. Only the listing of acceptable international credit cards seems incongruous.

On most afternoons, all is quiet except for an occasional radio and the sounds of cackling chickens. Beached fishing boats, abandoned for the remainder of the day, rest in solitude in a clearing off the street, which, like the three miles of beach, is deserted.

Although just about everyone fishes, there are only a few fulltime fishermen left. They go out before dawn in small boats and return after sunrise with fish pots bulging with grouper, snapper, lobster, yellowtail, angel fish and old wives (that's the name of the fish).

The freshly caught fish used to be sold right on the beach but now that fishermen have cars, they go to residential areas, restaurants and guest houses to sell their catches. The early-rising tourist in Philipshurg may see a display in Fish Alley, next



to the elegant Jewel Box store on Front Street several mornings a week before 8 a.m.

On the outskirts of Simson Bay there are several small places that cater to visitors looking for quiet, comfort and a beautiful beach.

At Mary's Boon, the small inn--ten rooms--on the big beach, guests can enjoy the grand piano, ample library, an honor system bar and informal dinners on a terrace almost on the water.

Friendly Island Beach Homes have four one-bedroom apartments with fully-equipped kitchens. At Aambeeld (AM-bealed) Guesthouse the sign invites, "Let us show you our place." The one- and two-bedroom apartments are decorated with local handmade furniture. Four hammocks lure guests to dream away the hours on the beach. The Horny Toad (quite respectable despite the whimsical name--a caprice of the young couple who opened and own the place) has a comfortable plant-filled living room downstairs and four one-bedroom apartments with a terrace overlooking the sea upstairs.

For more information contact the St. Maarten Tourist Office, 445 Park Avenue, Suite 903, New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 688-8350.

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HANDMADE ON ST. MAARTEN

MEANS DUTY-FREE AT HOME

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

by Robert Grode

PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten . . . Tucked here and there among the duty-free emporiums that line Front Street in St. Maarten's capital of Philipsburg and glitter with treasures from around the world are tiny shops whose treasures originate closer to home -- right on St. Maarten, in fact.

Several talented craftspeople, finding St. Maarten's relaxed, unhurried pace just right for producing carefully wrought artifacts, have set up shops to display and sell their handmade wares.

Just off the town square next to the Post Office, for example, an island craftsman shows his creations -- blown glass fantasies as delicate as cobwebs. Trained in England, where he won the prestigious David Flack Award for Artistic Design with Britain's finest glass sculpture of 1976, David Keenan twists and molds the molten glass into a glittering collection of ballerinas, horses, flowers and ships. A four-masted schooner, its sails billowing and its rigging as fine as gossamer, plows through transparent seas. Keenan also creates pieces to order, drawing his inspiration from his clients' special interests. He once produced a pair of crystal wrestlers for an island visitor whose son was interested in the sport. Many of the pieces are set on bases of polished quartz. Prices range from about \$3.00 for a miniature rabbit or turtle up to \$450 for the schooner.

In a new location, near the Royal Palm Plaza, the "Island Silversmith" offers unique handcrafted jewelry that captures the carefree charms of St. Maarten. "Island

Silversmiths" (plural) would be closer to the truth since both Scott Clarke and Janet Clarke, an affable young husband-and-wife team who came to St. Maarten from Florida by way of the Virgin Islands, both turn out the imaginative pieces on view in their workshop/gallery. "Scott does the larger, more massive pieces," Janet says. "I prefer doing the delicate, detailed work. We complement one another that way," she laughs. The Clarkes' creations range from exquisitely finished seashell pins and pendants in gold and silver to abstract designs accented with semi-precious stones. The "Island Silversmith" also executes special orders, fashioning a one-of-a-kind memento of the vacationer's St. Maarten stay.

Jean Boshoff turns out items that also bear the stamp of St. Maarten living, and in delightful ways. Her frogs and lizards, made of bright hand-dyed batiks and bearing such messages as "I Love You," are filled with sand from the island's dazzling beaches. Beach bags of sturdy canvas decorated with delicate shells, coral fans and bits of curiously-shaped driftwood, are popular "catch-alls" for dedicated beachcombers and sun worshippers alike. A smaller version is just right for disco-hopping at St. Maarten's many night spots. And Ms. Boshoff's rag dolls, dressed in Antillean costumes, will prove irresistibly huggable to tiny folk back home. All these items are on view (and on sale) at the intriguingly named "Around the Bend" shop in the arcade on Front Street across from Barclay's Bank.

Shoppers can also purchase hand-silkscreened items at the Saba Silkscreen Boutique under the same roof. There are crisp cotton sundresses, men's shellprint shirts and yard goods from the Saba Artisans' Foundation on St. Maarten's sister island of Saba.

More and more island visitors are taking a bit of St. Maarten (and Saba) home

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with them in the form of treasures handcrafted "on island" by one or more of St. Maarten's talented artisans.

And remember, handmade on St. Maarten means duty-free at home.

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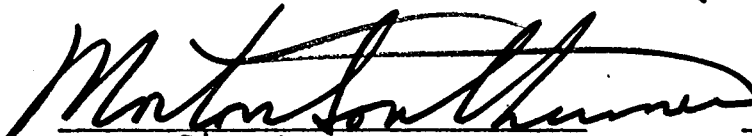
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